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TEN CENTS A WEEK

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—A severe earthquake shock, lasting three minutes, was felt here at 5:13 a. m. The wreck of buildings in the business portion is fearful, and loss of life is estimated at 3,000. Palace hotel stood the shock. Thousands of buildings destroyed and fires are raging over the city; the waterworks supply has given out and firemen are helpless. The Call and Examiner buildings are demolished. The city hall, costing \$7,000,000, lies in ruins. Late reports say the city is doomed. Water-pipes are bursted and bucket brigades are all that are left to fight the flames. Dynamite is being used in blowing up buildings to prevent a further spread of the fire.

Berkley, a thriving suburb of the city, is completely demolished, and the people are in a panic.

Chief Sullivan of the fire department was killed in the discharge of his duty. Every building in the city is more or less damaged, and the loss will run into millions of dollars.

San Francisco, April 18, 8:50 p. m., [Special]—Although water has been secured for the firemen, in many sections the fire is by no means under control. It is raging around Pine and Montgomery streets, and the Western Union Telegraph Company's building has been abandoned to its fate. At the Oakland ferry house, where the company has established an office, it is difficult to obtain any information of current events for the present.

SHOT TO DEATH ATTACKING OFFICERS

Bloody Riot Occurs In Pennsylvania Mining District.

SOLDIERS ARE NOW IN CONTROL

Three Miners Killed, Boy Fatally Shot, and Many Others Wounded in an Attempt to Rescue Men Who Had Been Arrested by Officers.

Johnstown, Pa., April 18.—After weeks of anxiety the situation brought about by the controversy of the coal miners with the operators culminated Monday night in a riot at Windber, near this city, which finally ended in bloodshed. Three are dead and a number injured, and throughout the night the town was patrolled by armed guards.

The shooting was brought about by an assault upon the jail made by the striking miners who attempted to rescue comrades who had been placed under arrest. The riot occurred during the early hours of the night and continued for several hours, working the residents up to such a pitch that the night was one terror.

The dead are principally foreigners and were miners who were out on a strike. They are:

Pietro Martini.

Antonio Mazuca.

Paul Zills, who was the leader of the mob.

Curtis Keater, 10 years old, a bystander during the trouble, was shot through the bowels and was taken to the hospital, where he is seriously suffering and is expected to die.

When the deputies fired upon the mob they fled, leaving three of their number on the ground dead, and the strikers refusing to permit the undertakers to remove the bodies, the latter remained where they fell until an early hour Tuesday morning.

The situation was so serious that Sheriff Bagley was summoned from Somerset to take charge of affairs, and an appeal was made to Governor Pennington for troops.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday morning the conditions were more quiet and no further trouble was expected until later in the day.

The rioters were of the foreign element, for the most part, who had been celebrating Easter Sunday, a holiday that has always been greatly observed in this section by them.

Monday the streets of Windber presented a carnival appearance. There was much liquor consumed, and many men were under the influence of liquor. When the trouble broke out, the state constabulary that was at Greensburg, was immediately ordered to Windber, and a special train was procured and rushed toward the scene of the riot. A few miles west of this city, however, the train was blocked by a freight wreck and the troops did not reach Windber until after 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. At that time the town had calmed, and no demonstration was to be seen.

were patrolling the town, and the beats were placed at 50 yards.

Had they arrived while the crowd was still on the streets Monday night there would undoubtedly have been further trouble. As it was, however, the streets were almost deserted and the officers, of which there were 18, in charge of two sergeants, took up their stations and awaited daylight.

There were altercations and boisterous arguments on the streets through the day, but no serious clash occurred, and even a large mass meeting was held without any disorder until Deputy William M. McMullen appeared. The foreigners are apparently antagonistic to McMullen and have an old score against him. He was former chief of police of Windber, and during his administration, it was said, made himself unpopular with the miners.

The sight of McMullen infuriated some of the men, and he was looked on as a spy. Many of the men rushed for him, and threats were made against his life, and he fled, taking refuge with neighbors.

During the riot about 20 of the miners were placed under arrest and landed in jail.

Under the leadership of Paul Zills, who was shot dead subsequently, the mob assailed the jail, throwing stones and any missile that was at hand. The deputies surrounded the jail, and with the aid of the fire department, tried to restore order. The mob was persistent and refused to listen to cooler heads who advised them to disperse and go home, and closing in on the jail began to assault the deputies. The latter tried to stop the onslaught with bayonets, and when it seemed that the deputies and firemen would go down before the infuriated men, the deputies fired. This was not done, however, before knives and revolvers appeared in the hands of the strikers.

But one volley was fired, and at the sound of the guns the mob broke and fled.

More serious trouble was expected to occur when the strikers appeared Tuesday morning and saw the state officers in charge. There were no developments, however, up to 8 o'clock, but there was a feeling of anxiety as to the action that would be taken when the strikers saw their comrades taken from the jail to Somerset.

Appoints His Son Successor.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—Joseph Smith, president of the reorganized church of Latter Day Saints, Monday rewarded his followers for their fasting and prayer by giving to the conference of the church in session in Independence, Mo., a revelation which appoints his son, Frederick M. Smith, to be his successor in the event of his death. This was considered the most important message ever given to the church, as nothing in the annals of the reorganized church has been considered so vital as the question of a successor to the presidency.

Veterans Attend Dinner.

New York, April 18.—One hundred men of the Veterans Association of the Department of the South and South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, attended the fifteenth annual dinner of that organization Monday evening. Admiral Coghlan and General G. M. Curtis made speeches. Prayers to the spirit of the war were offered.

TENNESSEE TOWN SWEEP BY FLAMES

Business Section of Petros Is Destroyed.

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000

Big Saw Mill Plant Near Mobile, Ala., Also Burns, Causing a Loss of \$150,000, with Not a Cent of Insurance. Fire Consumed Buildings Rapidly.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 18.—Fire at Petros, Tenn., destroyed nearly the entire business section Monday night, causing a loss estimated at close to \$40,000.

The fire started in the Williams general store and within one hour eight buildings, all frame, were on fire.

Estimates on the losses are as follows:

Williams' general store, \$2,000; J. D. Sandall, dry goods, \$4,000; John Moore, drugs, \$1,500; telephone office, \$1,000; Goldberry, general store, \$2,000; Shuberts, general store, \$4,000; bank, Y. M. C. A. and Masonic hall building, \$10,000; J. F. Walt, general store, \$2,000; barber shop, millinery store and buildings, all frame, \$8,000. Insurance figures could not be learned as all wire connections with the town were destroyed.

Less than a mile from the scene of the fire is the branch penitentiary of Tennessee, where nearly one thousand convicts are confined.

Mill Burns Near Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., April 18.—A fire loss estimated at between \$125,000 and \$150,000, was caused Monday night by the destruction of the saw mill plant and many thousand feet of lumber of the N. E. Turner company, of Vinegar Bend, Ala., a saw mill settlement north of Mobile.

Assistance was sent from this city shortly after midnight, this morning, but when the apparatus reached the scene the greater portion of the property had been wiped out. The destroyed property embraces the main saw mill, the planing mill, three dry kilns, several lumber sheds containing thousands of feet of lumber, and stacks of mill products in the grounds.

At one time the settlement was threatened to be wiped out by the fire, but through the heroic efforts of the residents the flames were confined to the mill property.

The company did not carry a cent of insurance, but had arranged to take out policies Tuesday.

Erect Monument to Edwin Booth.

New York, April 18.—A movement was begun Monday at a meeting of the Players' Club for the erection of a monument in memory of Edwin Booth. The project was set forth in an address by David A. Mearns. Bronson Howard also spoke.

Shows Signs of Eruption.

Hatfield, April 18.—The newspapers here report that the dormant volcano at Palm, Canary Islands, is showing signs of activity.

ORDERED FLAGS TAKEN IN.

Caused Wild Rumors of the Murder of Member of Imperial Family.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—The remarkable action of the police Monday in suddenly ordering the flags hung out for the holidays to be taken in, caused the circulation of the wildest rumors of the murder of a member of the imperial family.

Today comes the rather amusing explanation that under the law flags and illuminations are not permitted without the authority of the prefect of police, "permission" being equivalent to a command, and householders failing to decorate are fined. This year the prefect granted permission to decorate as usual, but neglected to include the display of flags, and the police, proceeding on the old theory that what was not permitted was prohibited, went from house to house, compelling the occupants to take down their decorations.

Immediately the report spread that some great disaster had occurred at Tsarskoe Selo, and the announcement was being withheld until after the holidays.

Three hundred political prisoners have just been deported to Siberia by way of Moscow and Brestogoltsk.

Strike Remains Unchanged.

Mobile, Ala., April 18.—The strike of linemen, cable splicers and other employees of the Southern Bell Telephone company here, remained unchanged Tuesday and the men remain firm. Nearly 100 strikers met at the Central Trades council hall Monday night and discussed the strike. Three new members were taken in and one deserted. Although there is no violence, fifteen special policemen were sworn in to protect the exposed property of the company in the improvement area. The telephone company has not succeeded in getting any men to take the places of the strikers.

Will Appoint Southerners.

Washington, April 18.—President Roosevelt has decided to appoint Charles H. Aycock, former governor of North Carolina, and Van Leer Polk, of Tennessee, members of the delegation from the United States to the Pan-American conference, which is to meet in July at Rio Janeiro. These appointments are to be made in accordance with the wishes of southern members of congress, who, in view of the fact that many of the questions to be considered by the conference are of special interest to the south, have felt that men identified with that section of the country should be members of the commission.

Georgia Law Is Held Valid.

Atlanta, Ga., April 18.—By dissolving on Monday, for want of jurisdiction, the case of J. N. Seale against the state of Georgia, the United States supreme court leaves in force the decision of the Georgia supreme court upholding the validity of the state law which prohibits the running of freight trains on the Sabbath.

New Court Convenes.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 18.—Judge Thomas G. Jones Monday convened federal court here for the new western district of the Northern district.

GORKY'S RECEPTION WORRIES RUSSIA

Woman Companion Is Also A Revolutionist.

NEITHER IS SHE HIS WIFE

High Official in Russia Makes Interesting Statement Regarding Gorky and Advises Americans that He is a Revolutionist Pure and Simple.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—Maxim Gorky's reception in the United States is giving the Russian government considerable concern. A high official here made the following statement Monday:

"In listening to Gorky the American people should understand that he is not a liberal nor a reformer, but a revolutionist, pure and simple. He is certainly a writer of talent, perhaps even a genius, and much that he says regarding the conditions in Russia doubtless is true; but it should be made clear that his object is not reform, but revolution."

"Mme. Andrews, who accompanies him, is not his wife. She also is a revolutionist, and M. Morosoff, one of Moscow's merchant princes, gave her \$1,500,000 for the revolutionary cause. When the government last summer secured proof of this fact, he was given 24 hours to leave Russia, or stand trial here. He fled to Paris where he committed suicide."

M. Morosoff, of Moscow, who was known as the "Russian cotton king," was prominent in the liberal movement last year, and it is possible that he is the person alluded to in the foregoing statement, although no information of his expulsion from Russia or his subsequent suicide in Paris has reached this country.

Will Resume Work at Washeries.

New York, April 18.—The Tribune says that the announcement was made Monday on behalf of the anthracite coal carrying companies that a general movement has been begun among them to resume work at the washeries. The men employed at the washeries were among the mine workers who quit work when President Mitchell ordered the suspension. This action of the operators, therefore, is regarded as a test of what they can do to get men.

Will Filed for Probate.

Chicago, April 18.—The will of Hertha Loewenthal, disposing of an estate valued at \$2,800,000, has been filed for probate. Mrs. Nannie Loewenthal, the widow, and Julius W. Loewenthal, a son, are named as executors. The bulk of the estate is given to his widow and children, Julius W. Loewenthal and Mrs. Julia W. Loewenthal, a daughter. The sum of \$25,000 is given to various charitable institutions.

Senate Had No Authority.

Cincinnati, April 18.—The state senate had no authority to authorize the investigation of the public offices of Cincinnati and Hamilton county, as asserted by the Drake association, according to a decision filed by the court.